

**TRIBAL STAFF REPORT
SUMMER FACT SHEET No. 1
Columbia River Compact**

June 14, 2004

Purpose: To consider treaty Indian commercial fishing options for the mainstem Columbia River.

Summer Chinook and Sockeye Forecasts and Run Size

The summer management period runs from June 1 to July 31.

The pre-season forecast for summer Chinook is 102,800. Under the Interim management agreement, the tribes would manage for a 5% impact on summer Chinook. This equates to an allowable catch of 5,140.

The pre-season forecast for sockeye is 80,654. At this run size (runs >75,000) the tribes will manage for a 7% harvest rate. This equates to an allowable catch of 5,645.

The average date at which 50% of either the summer Chinook or sockeye run has passed Bonneville is June 26. It will be difficult to reliably update either run prior to that date. The summer Chinook run does not generally see a definitive peak in dam counts. Rather it is relatively stable with counts generally being somewhat higher in June rather than July. The sockeye run often has a sharp peak with a large portion of the total run passing Bonneville within a few days in late June or possibly early July.

Treaty Indian Summer Season Fisheries and Harvest to Date

Currently the platform/hook and line fishery is open for subsistence use in all of Zone 6.

Based on recent year catch rates, having the platform fishery open for subsistence use for the entire two month summer management period at these run sizes is not expected to harvest the full allowable catch of either Chinook or sockeye. Tribal staff has estimated that the platform/hook and line fishery would harvest about 1.0% of the summers and 3.1% of the sockeye runs respectively.

The rounded harvest estimates would be 1,100 summer Chinook and 2,600 sockeye over the summer management period.

Based on these estimates, even if allowing sales increases platform fishing effort modestly, platform sales appear to present no risk to exceeding harvest limits for either Chinook or sockeye.

Treaty Indian Commercial Fishery Proposal

<i>Recommendation</i>	
	Sale of Platform/Hook and Line caught Chinook and Steelhead allowed
Dates:	6:00 AM Thursday June 17 until further notice
Area:	All of Zone 6.
Gear:	Standard Platform Gear, hoopnets, dipnets, hook and line
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries remain in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad. Sockeye may not be sold but may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 4-5 feet in length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon between 45-60 inches in the Bonneville pool may also be retained for subsistence.
Miscellaneous Rules:	The quick reporting rule for Washington buyers will be in effect.

- The Yakama Nation will allow commercial sale of fish caught in their Zone 6 tributary fisheries that overlap with this period. The general fishing schedule for these tributaries is:

Tributary	Regularly Scheduled Opening	Allowed Commercial Sales
Wind River	March 8 to June 26 Noon Mon to 6 PM Sat	Each weekly opening Noon Tues. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)
Big White Salmon River	Closed Sundays	Each weekly opening 6:00 AM Tues. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)
Klickitat River	April 6 to June 5 Noon Tue to 6 PM Sat	Each weekly opening Noon Tues. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)

Depending on run sizes and harvest, the tribes may propose at a later date some gillnet fisheries.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
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